

**Pawtucketville Neighborhood Plan CAC Meeting
Minutes from October 14, 2004, 7-9pm**

Attendance:

Naomi Prendergast
Gerry Frechette
Bob Mullin
Kevin Staveley
Amoah Yeboah-Korang
Alan Saba
Henry Marchand
John Hamblet
Richard Sousa
Louisa Varnum
Joe Boyle, DPD
Helen Lee, DPD

Location: D'Youville Manor

- We discussed how to advertise the public meetings.
 - Joe will contact the Lowell Sun to place an insert in the newspapers.
 - Who will be at these meetings? The first public meeting is on the day that PCC meetings are normally held.
 - Bob Mullin will bring flyers to the schools for the kids to take home.
 - Louisa Varnum and Henri Marchand will take flyers to churches.
 - Alan Saba will do some in-store postings on Mammoth Ave. Henri Marchand will do University Ave.
 - Helen will email the flyers to people who volunteered to do postings.
- We discussed some logistics for the first public meeting.
 - We went over the agenda of the public meetings, which will be held on Nov 1 and Nov 20.
 - Additional commentary space will be provided on the handouts for suggestions and ideas not voiced during the meetings. Joe's contact info should also be provided.
 - DPD will bring a PowerPoint presentation, laptop, and projector to the meetings.
 - We want to help people focus on each goal. Perhaps hand out each goal separately.
- We went over the Goals and SWOT points again.
 - Housing section is OK
 - Economic Development
 - Businesses have both a positive and negative impact on the neighborhood.
 - Businesses shouldn't encroach on residential districts.
 - Transportation and Access
 - What are the primary routes? Improvements for specific routes should be addressed in the recommendations.
 - UMass students should have good pedestrian access to the Downtown.
 - Traffic signal timing can be improved.
 - Traffic on the bridges is really a regional problem.
 - Do we want to improve access or decrease it? Improving access may create more traffic problems. "Mobility" is different from "access".
 - Public Services
 - Crime is not that much of an issue in Pawtucketville but we want to sustain the positive, low level of crime.
 - Certain areas of the neighborhood may feel safe to some people and not safe to others. We need to identify where these places are.
 - We need to have a culture of policing as well as law enforcement. We need watchful eyes on the neighborhood.
 - Natural Resources and Recreation

- What is open space? We need to define it.
 - We need to identify which spaces to protect.
- Land Use and Zoning section is OK
- Replace all “lack of...” with “insufficient...”